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# 21ST CENTURY KARNØ'S KLASSICS

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So I was reading a recent Veritas Vampirus ("Truth from the Undead"). It's an e-mail 'zine put out by Marc Tucker-drop him a note at ProgdaWG@hotmail.com if you want to be included on the mailing list.

Anyway, I came across this passage that enumerated why you being miserable was good for business. It looked like it would make a good script for a minicomic. I've been cranking out comix-sized comics for the last few months, and they're big fun, but an occasional addition to the cheap, fun lil' minicomics is a good thing, too. So:

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....mostly. There's always a little crossover in these collaboration things.

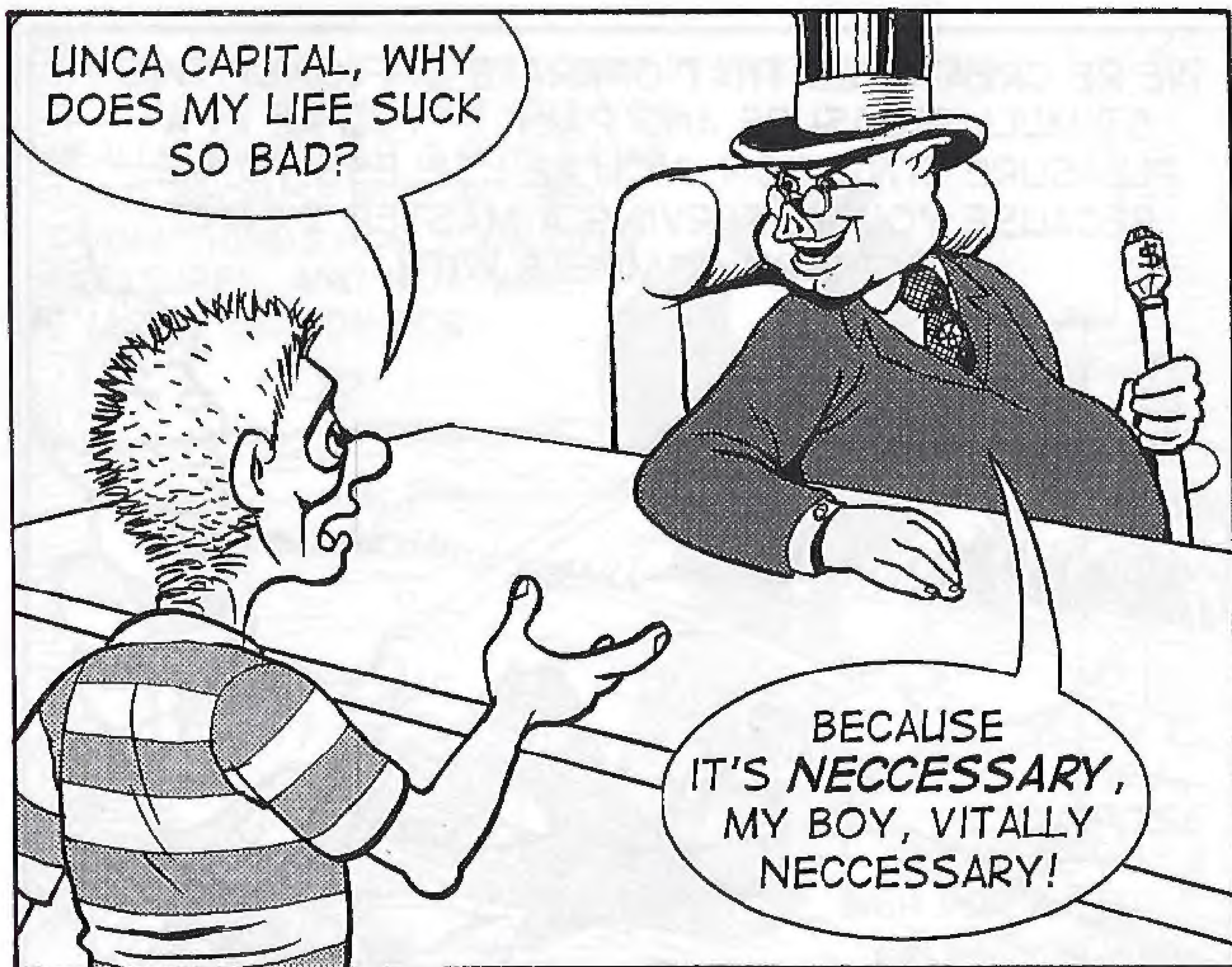
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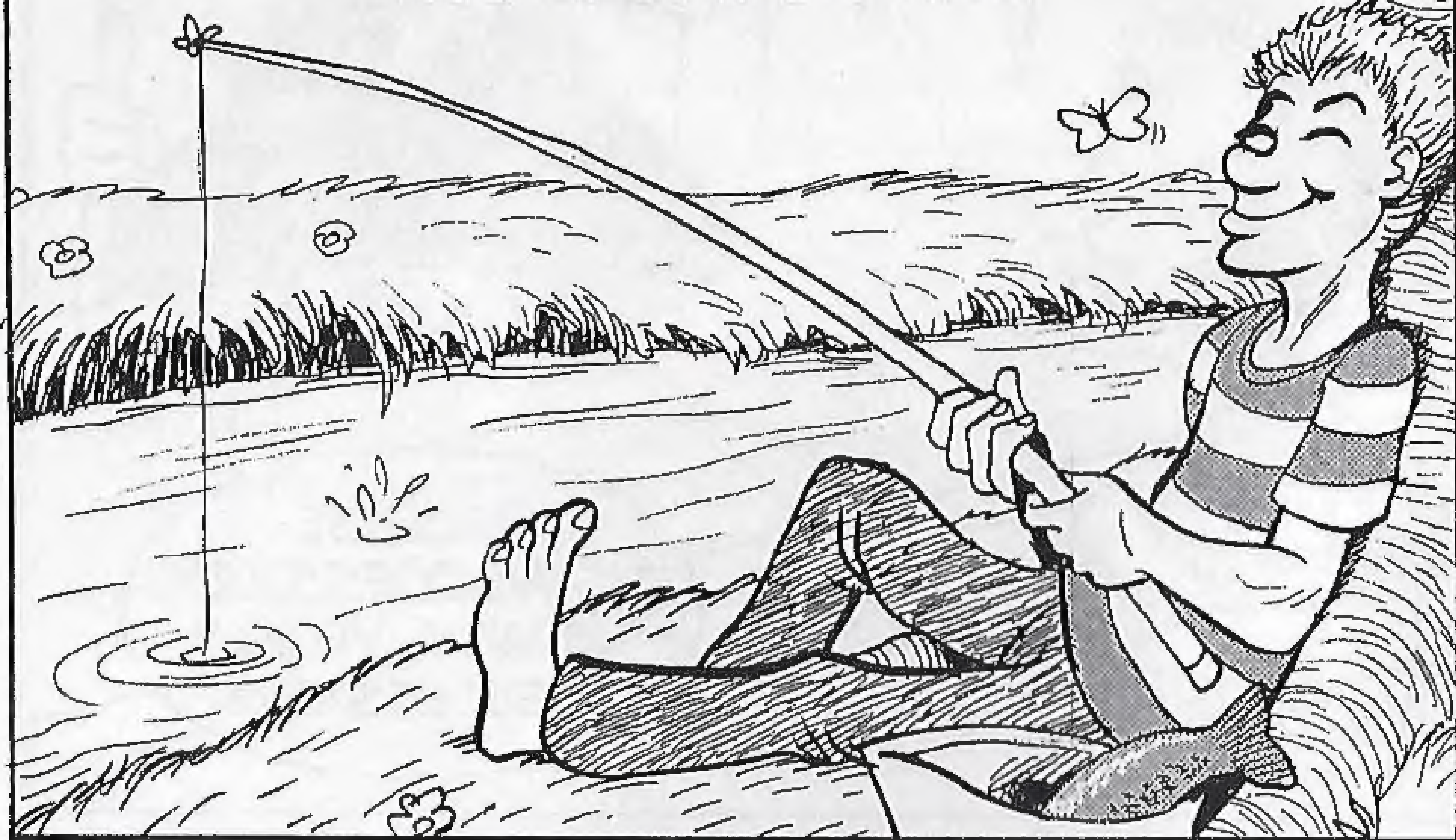
# ENJOY THE SHOW!







WE'RE CREATURES THAT OPERATE OFF ONLY TWO STIMULI: PLEASURE AND PAIN. IF YOU'RE IN A PLEASURE SITUATION, YOU'RE USELESS TO ME, BECAUSE YOU'RE SERVING A MASTER I CAN'T HOPE TO COMPETE WITH.

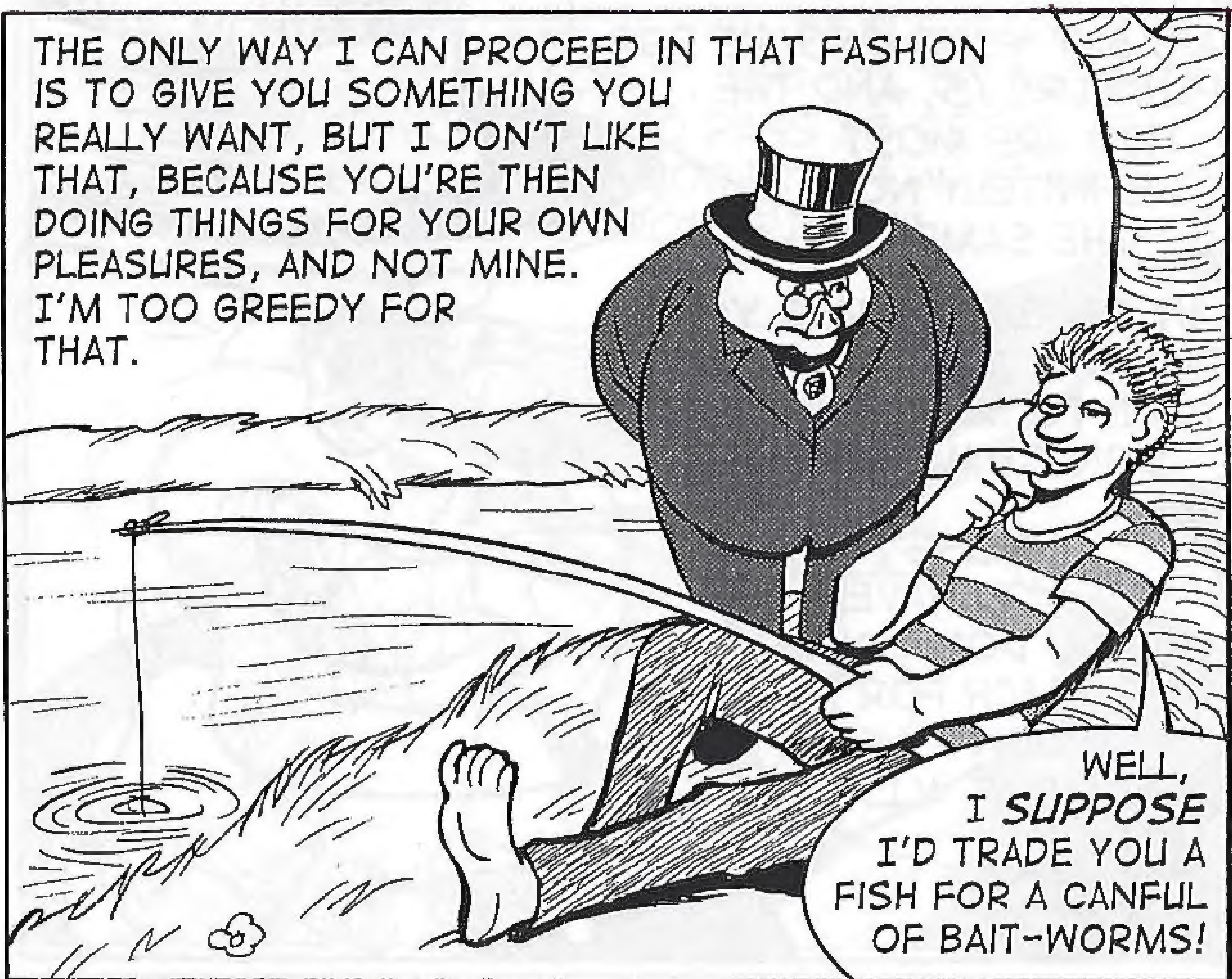


AND IF I TRY TO, YOU'LL SEE THROUGH MY MACINATIONS. I CAN'T AFFORD THAT, BECAUSE IT'LL RUIN FUTURE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU!





THE ONLY WAY I CAN PROCEED IN THAT FASHION IS TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING YOU REALLY WANT, BUT I DON'T LIKE THAT, BECAUSE YOU'RE THEN DOING THINGS FOR YOUR OWN PLEASURES, AND NOT MINE. I'M TOO GREEDY FOR THAT.



WELL,  
I *SUPPOSE*  
I'D TRADE YOU A  
FISH FOR A CANFUL  
OF BAIT-WORMS!

AND THE MORE YOU WANT OF WHAT I HAVE, THE HARDER I HAVE TO WORK TO SUPPLY YOU WITH IT. I DON'T LIKE THAT, EITHER. IF I WANT TO MAKE A *LOT* OFF YOU, THEN I HAVE TO WORK REALLY HARD. SO NO, YOUR PLEASURE IS NOT MY DESIRED AVENUE FOR GAIN.





AH, BUT YOUR *DESIRE* FOR PLEASURE *IS*, AND THE TWO ARE MOST DEFINITELY NOT THE SAME!

IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU DESIRE PLEASURE, I FIRST HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T HAVE IT, YES?

'CAUSE IF YOU HAVE IT, YOU DON'T NEED TO REACH FOR IT. YOU DON'T NEED ME AT ALL!



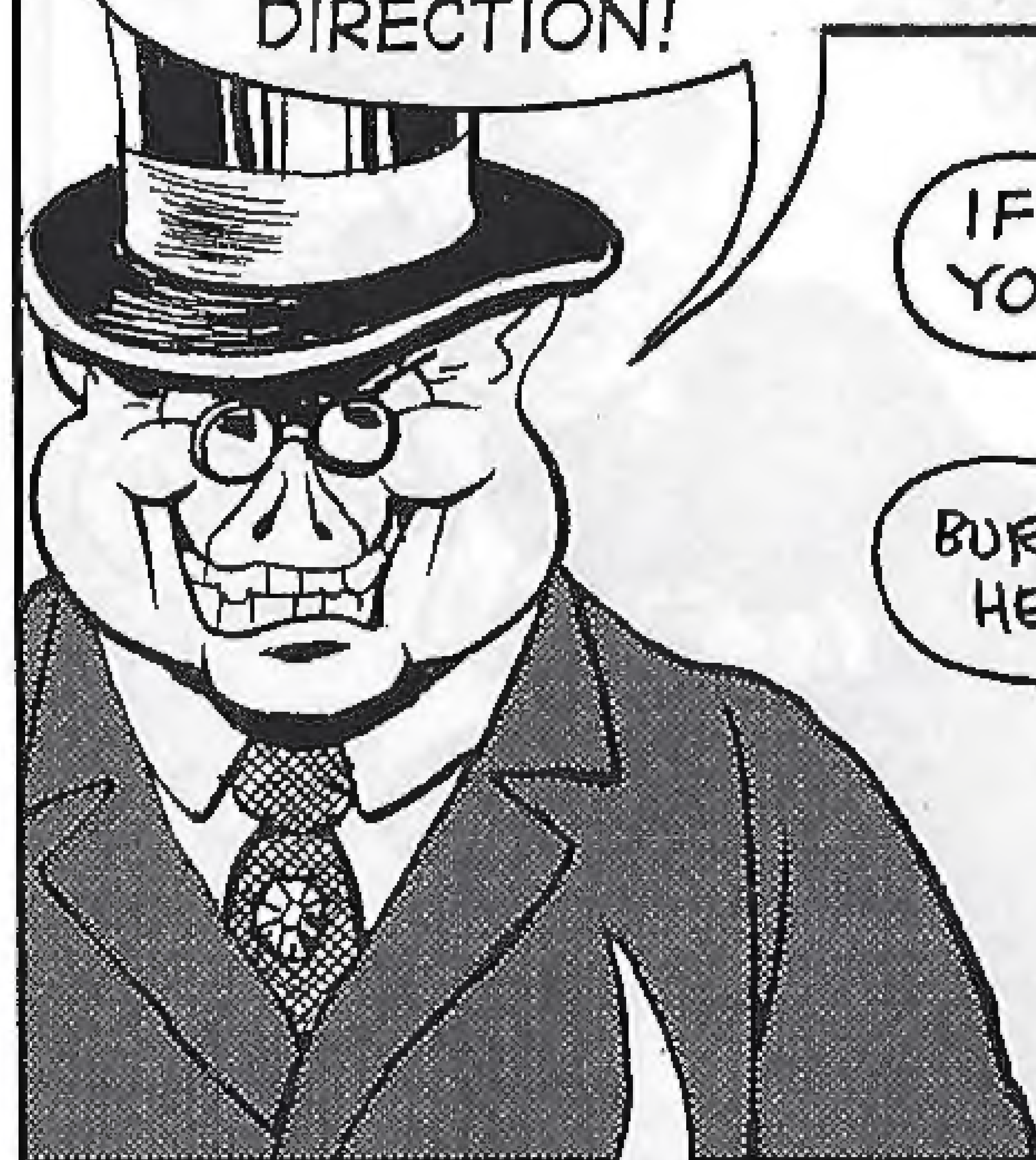
THUS, I NEED TO MAKE A SITUATION IN WHICH YOU ETERNALLY DESIRE PLEASURE, AND ETERNALLY GET DAMNED LITTLE OF IT - WHILE REACHING IN MY DIRECTION!

IF YOU HAVE TOO MUCH FUN, YOU WILL **BURN IN HELL!**

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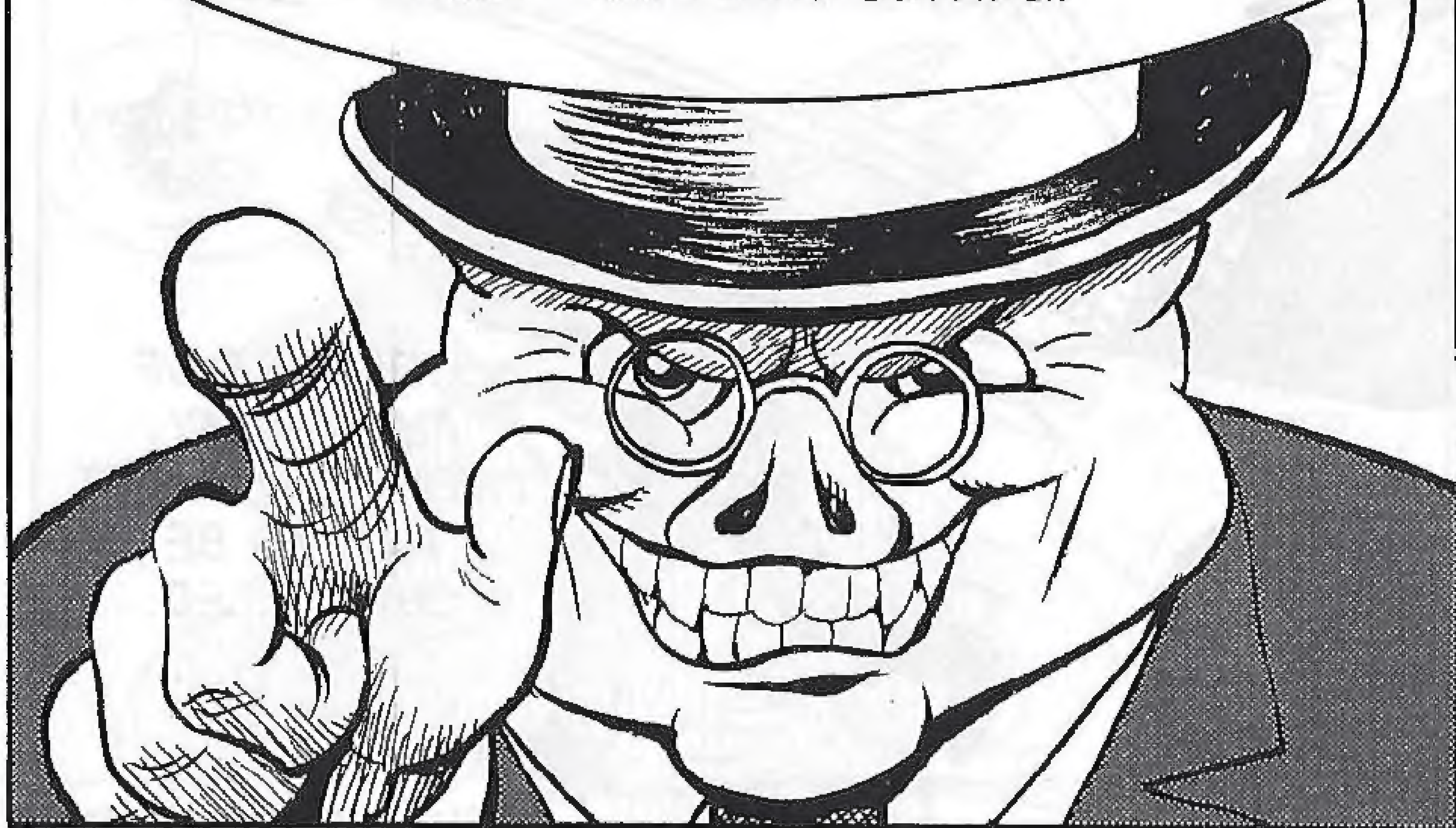
BURN IN HELL!

RELIGION HAS BEEN *VERY* HELPFUL IN CREATING JUST THIS SITUATION!





THE MORE I CAN DEPRIVE YOU OF PLEASURE, THE MORE YOU'LL REACH FOR IT, AND I'LL BE THE GATE THRU WHICH YOU HAVE TO PASS TO GET IT. I'LL NEVER LET YOU HAVE MORE THAN WHAT WILL KEEP YOU FROM SUICIDE!



IF YOU  
KILL YOURSELF  
BECAUSE LIFE HAS  
BECOME TOO ROTTEN,  
YOU'RE USELESS TO  
ME. SO I HAVE TO  
ALLOW YOU A VERY  
SMALL AMOUNT  
OF PLEASURE.





THAT'S WHAT CREATES THE NEW SLAVE STATUS,  
THAT CARROT AND STICK SITUATION. NOW THAT  
THE NEW SLAVES, WAGE SLAVES,  
HAVE A SMALL...



...DEGREE OF  
AUTONOMY,  
THEIR MOVEMENT  
HAS TO BE  
CHANNELED.

IF THEY WERE TO WANDER OFF IN THE DIRECTION  
OF TRUE DEMOCRACY, WHICH WE CALL ANARCHISM,  
IT WOULD UTTERLY DESTROY ME AND MINE.

WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?

DON'T  
IGNORE US!  
YOU NEED  
US!

OLD LOONS OBSESSED WITH  
COLLECTING COLORED BITS OF PAPER.  
EVERYONE AVOIDS THEM.





SO I HAVE TO KEEP MAKING SURE THE ROADS YOU TRAVEL ALWAYS LEAD BACK TO ME. RELIGION MAY NOT PACK THE PUNCH IT USED TO, BUT THE SINGLE PARTY OF PROPERTY WITH TWO RIGHT WINGS\* HAS MOSTLY FILLED THE GAP.

VOTE FOR  
*ME!*

WE'VE  
PUT A *LOT*  
OF WORK INTO  
MAKING SURE  
YOU HAVE  
NO OTHER  
CHOICE!

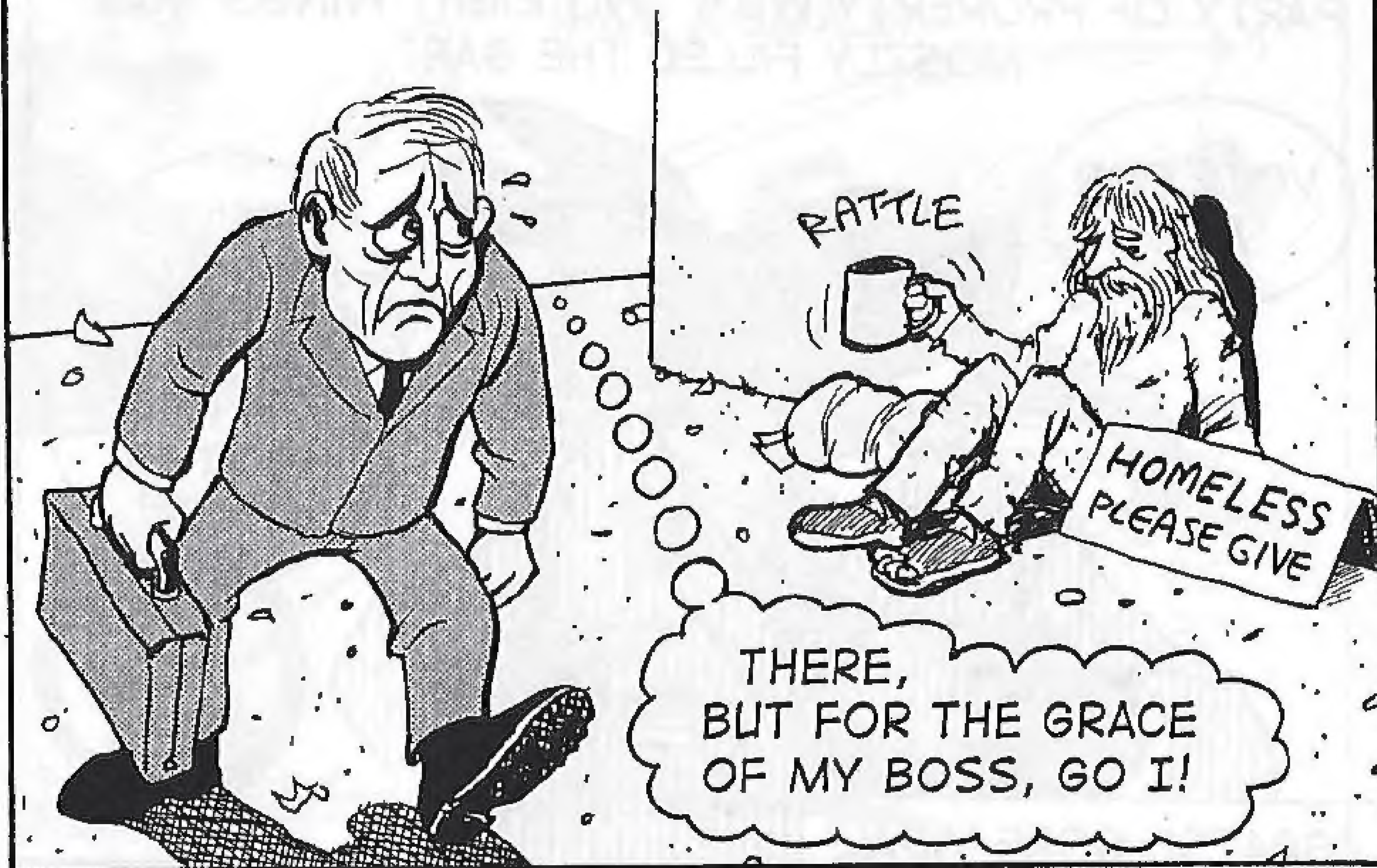
\*GRATSI, GORE VIDAL!

THEY TEND MY ROADS FOR ME AND THEM. IF ANY OF THE SEMI-AUTONOMOUS SLAVES MANAGE TO INVEIGLE THEMSELVES INTO A MODICUM OF POWER, I'LL ALLOW THEM TO KEEP IT - UNTIL THEY INCUR MY WRATH!

WE DON'T ALLOW  
*CLASS WARFARE*  
HERE! YOU'RE  
*FIRE!*



BUT IF THEY HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR, THEN THEY'LL LIVE IN ANXIETY REGARDING WHATEVER QUASI-SINECURES THEY'VE MANAGED TO ACHIEVE.



BECAUSE I CARE NOTHING FOR PEOPLE, BUT ONLY THEIR USEFULNESS TO ME. THE NANOSECOND THEY BECOME NON-PROFITABLE TO MY PERSONAL ENDS, I'LL CUT 'EM OFF. THAT'S WHAT BUSINESS IS, THAT'S WHAT BUSINESSMEN ARE, AND THAT'S WHAT I AM!







## WANT MORE? THEN REJOICE, FOR THERE IS!

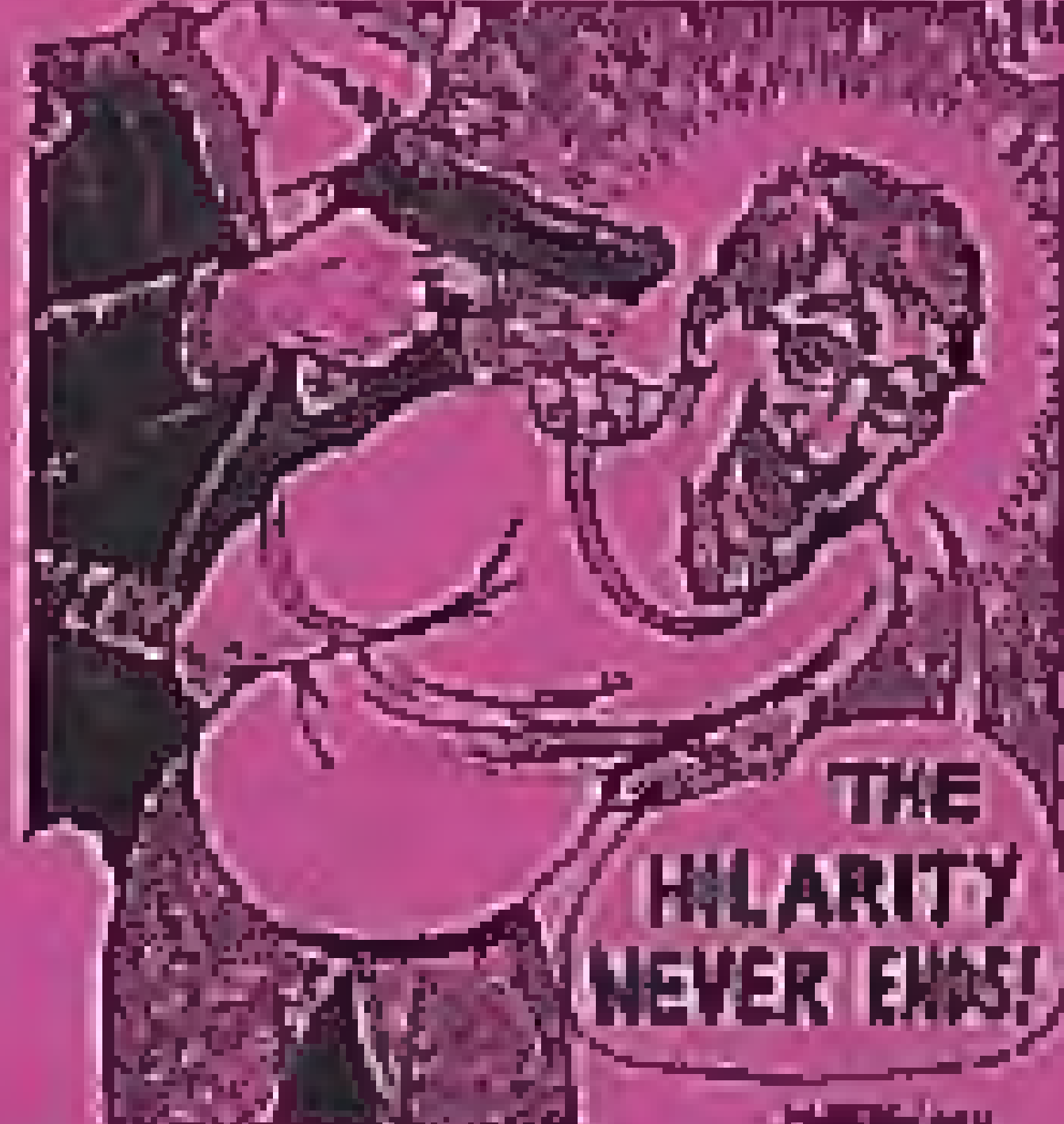
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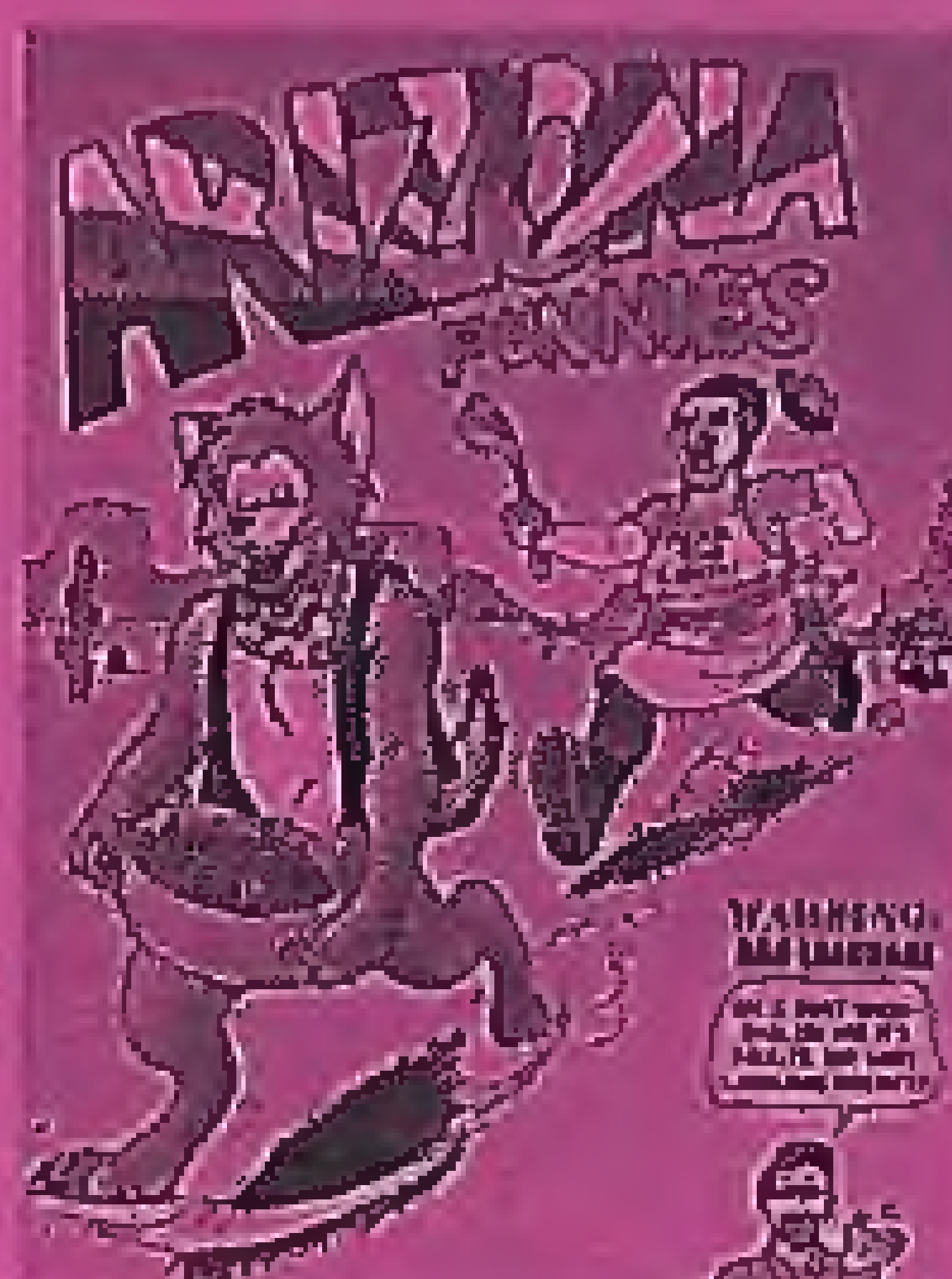
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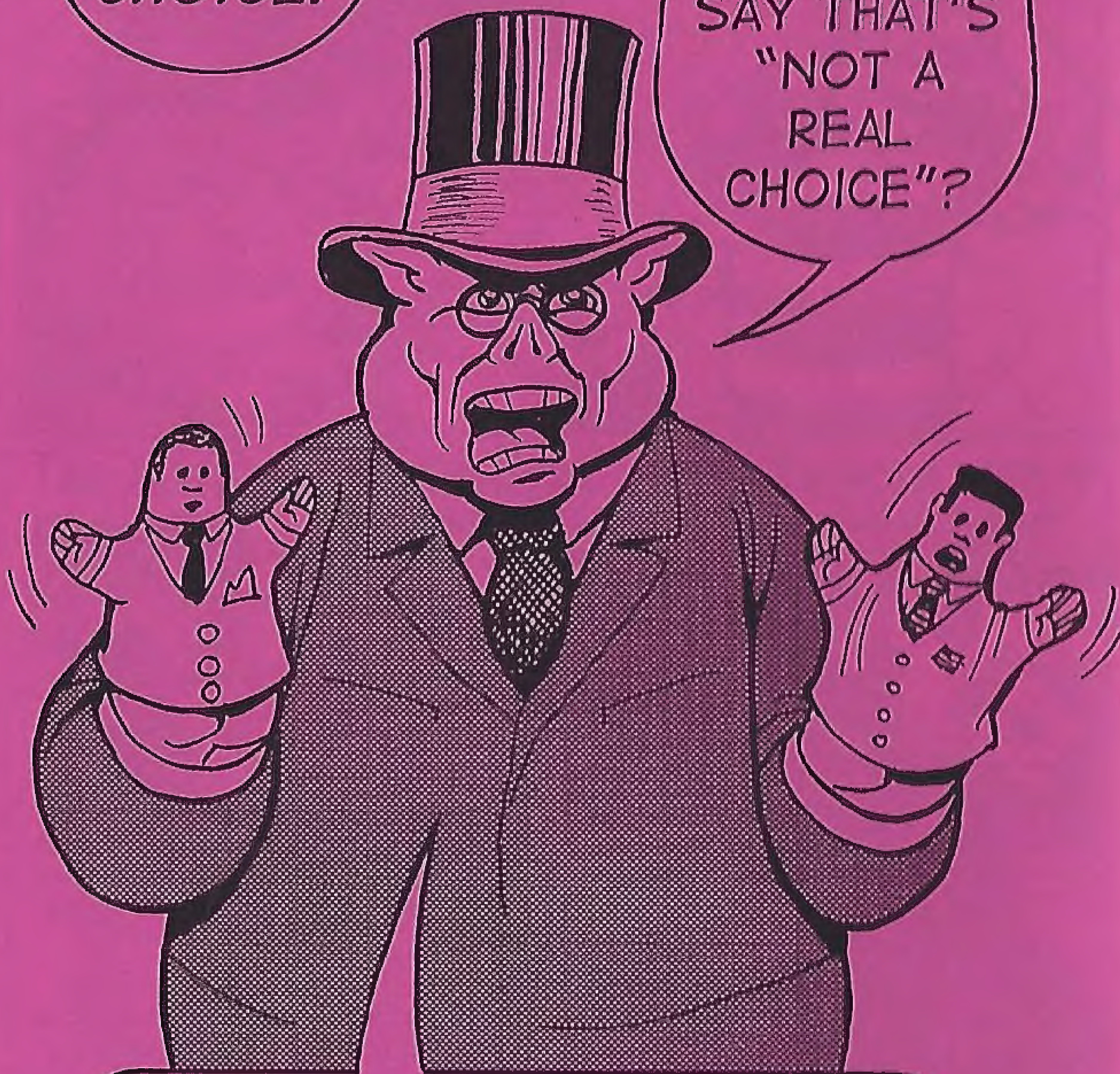
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YOU CAN VOTE FOR THE PUPPET  
ON MY *LEFT* HAND, OR THE  
PUPPET ON MY *RIGHT* HAND!

CLEARLY  
A  
*CHOICE!*

SO  
*HOW*  
CAN YOU  
SAY THAT'S  
"NOT A  
REAL  
CHOICE"?



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